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DURHAM, N.H. – James Milkey, associate justice on the Massachusetts Appeals Court and a legal expert on environmental issues, will speak at the University of New Hampshire Friday, April 29, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. The talk, which is free and open to the public, is in DeMeritt Hall Room 240 and is sponsored by UNH’s Environmental Engineering Program and Environmental Research Group. Milkey will share his thoughts on the legal ramifications of environmental issues like climate change and carbon dioxide regulation.

Milkey was chief of the Environmental Protection Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, where he served as counsel of record in the Supreme Court case that addressed the Environmental Protection Agency’s responsibility to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the federal Clean Air Act (Massachusetts v. EPA). He successfully argued that case before the Supreme Court. He lectures frequently on climate change, enforcement, brownfields, and regulatory takings issues.

Justice Milkey received a lifetime achievement award from the Environmental Protection Agency, New England in 2009. He was named one of 10 Lawyers of the Year in 2007 by Lawyers USA. Milkey was also co-recipient of the Eighth Annual American Bar Association Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy; Public Servant of the Year (2006), awarded by the Environmental League of Massachusetts; and recipient of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions’ 2008 award for outstanding public service. A full biography is at http://www.mass.gov/courts/appealscourt/justices/milkey.html.

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